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Conservation Commission Minutes 06/04/2009

Arlington Conservation Commission
 Minutes
 June 4, 2009

Mr. Stevens called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m. in the second floor conference room of the Town Hall Annex.

Present were Nathaniel Stevens, David White, Charles Tirone, Ellen Reed, Ezra Benjamin, and Catherine Garnett of the Commission. Brian Thomas, Associate member, was not in attendance. William O'Rourke of the Commission was not in attendance. Also present were Mike Rademacher, Town Engineer, Mehmet Falcon, Mary Showell, Dorothy Stafford, Mike and Gail Shine, and David Levy of the Arlington Housing Corporation.

7:45 p.m. – Commission Business

Benjamin/Tirone motioned to approve the 5/21 **minutes** with edits; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. White reported that the interviews and selection of a consultant has occurred for the **Cookes Hollow** project. The consultant will be announced once the contract is signed.

The Commission is currently coordinating the participation in **Town Day**.

8pm – **Amend Determination Of Applicability** – 34 Forest St.

Mr. Levy presented the project changes including the removal of one tree, installation of a gas line and repaving the parking lot.

The repaving will involve complete removal and reinstallation of the asphalt. The tree that needs to be removed is a large birch located on the wall which is the bank of Mill Brook. It is leaning towards the building. The existing boiler of the building will be replaced with a high efficiency gas boiler but will need new gas service installed.

Erosion control should be installed along the entire wall at the brook.

Mr. Tirone asked about the dumpster. Mr. Levy will confirm where the garbage truck picks up the trash. Mr. Tirone asked that bollards be placed between the brook and the dumpster.

The Commission asked that this work be advertised as a new permit application since it is substantially more work. The new hearing will be on 6/18 at 9pm.

8:30pm – **Notice of Intent** – Brattle St and Mill Lane culvert replacements over Mill Brook

Mr. Rademacher described the project for the commission and the attendees. The plans included a planting plan and reference to straw bales for erosion control.

The work should take approximately 2 months during August of 2009, and the roads would be closed to through traffic. Pedestrian access would be maintained if possible.

Silt curtains would be utilized if possible, otherwise multiple check dams of gravel would be used.

Mr. Rademacher is meeting with the owners of Schwamb Mill to confirm the replanting plan. If the number of trees cannot be accommodated on their property then the project would plant these in any other areas of town where it is needed. Ms. Garnett suggested that this be a condition of the permit.

Mr. Tirone asked if siltsacks would be utilized in stormdrains and suggested that they be removed and replaced as needed during the project.

Mr. Tirone also suggested a condition to report on where the construction staging and stockpiling of materials would occur for the project.

Reed/Garnett motioned to approve the project with the above conditions; motion passed unanimously.

Commission Business (cont.)

Mr. White reported on the Arlington's **Great Meadows restoration plan** where some of the upland areas, which are currently changing to woodland, would be restored to open meadows. About 5.5 Nine acres of land would be cuttargeted, at the entry meadow areanear the nursing home entrance in the northwest. This is based on recommendations in the 2001 Stewardship Plan produced by Frances Clark for the Conservation Commission. Mr. White is looking for comments and support from the Commission in order to go to the Board of Selectmen for approval.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30pm.
Respectfully submitted,
Corinna Beckwith
Administrator